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FROM USDEL LOS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE MET WITH AMBASSADOR RALPH HARRY, CHAIRMAN OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS PROGRESS IN ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES AND TO THANK HARRY FOR COOPERATION WITH US DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. MOORE ALSO INDICATED UNDER US PROPOSAL PAPUA, NEW GUINEA WOULD PROBABLY QUALIFY AS ARCHIPELAGO STATE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. PAPUA, NEW GUINEA NEEDS ONLY TWO 90 MILE ARCHIPELAGIC LINES TO CLOSE BISMARK SEA AND COULD EASILY DRAW TWO 100 MILE LINES UNDER US PROPOSAL. THIS INCLUSION OF BISMARK SEA WOULD ALSO MEET NECESSARY 1:1 AND 1:5 RATIOS. MOORE STRESSED CONDITIONAL NATURE OF U.S. PROPOSAL AND IMPORTANCE OF EARLY AGREEMENT IN CARACAS. MOORE ALSO INDICATED AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTION THAT U.S. UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA ON THIS ISSUE PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN U.S. DECISION TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS.

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2. AMBASSADOR HARRY INDICATED HE WAS HOPEFUL FOR SUCCESS OF TALKS

AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT THOUGH AUSTRALIA DID NOT SUPPORT PASSAGE REGIME SOUGHT BY U.S. (I.E. AUSTRALIAN PM STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO SUBMERGED TRANSIT) HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT TO INTERFERE WITH POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND INDONESIA. HE FURTHER INDICATED HE WOULD URGE INDONESIA TO REACH EARLY AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

3. DEL WILL PURSUE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN DEL IN CARACAS ON US ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVE AND WILL POINT OUT INCLUSION OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WITHIN DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGO STATE DEPENDENT ON EARLY AGREEMENT IN CARACAS WITH ARCHIPELAGO STATES ON OVERALL STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES.  
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